296. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the petitions referred to in the above question, and copies of enclosures sent with the petitions?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by publishing these papers.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is not allowing people to understand that their money is being misappropriated or is not being misappropriated serving a public purpose?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The answer gives what is required.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—The answer does not give what is required. My question is whether allowing people to understand that their money is being misappropriated or is not being misappropriated, whether this is not serving a public purpose.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I do not think that such a question can be raised as a supplementary question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, I want a ruling on that point.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—That supplementary question is asked for an expression of opinion, and it is tabooed under Rule 8 (d).

The nomination of Mr. S. S. Koder as Chairman, Mattancheri Municipal Council.

297. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which they received the resolution of the Mattancheri Municipal Council requesting them to nominate Mr. S. S. Koder as its Chairman;

(b) the date on which they so nominated him?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) 6th July 1926.

(b) 2nd November 1926.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I know it was delayed for four months. What is it due to?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was due to consideration. The matter was being considered for 4 months.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Am I to understand that?

Rent suits and suits for eviction in the Municipal area of Mattancheri.

298. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of rent suits and suits for eviction of tenants from houses or buildings relating to town properties in the Municipal areas of Mattancheri;

(b) the average duration of such suits?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) and (b). No rent suits or suits for eviction were instituted.

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